(c) This tie-up would strengthen BHEL's position *vis-a-vis* its competitors in engineering, manufacturing and selling state-of-the-art Control & Instrumentation System both for power plant application and for various process industries.

Revival of BOGL

830. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee had recommended revival of BOGL in 1999.

(b) whether Government had approved, in principle, revival of BOGL as per recommendation of Expert Committee;

(c) if so, whether the same is being implemented by Government;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is a precedence in case of Namrup Unit of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation where Government have already started implementing revival scheme without waiting for the formal approval of BIFR; and

(f) if so, why the same steps is not being taken for revival of BOGL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (f) Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited (BOGL) is a sick Company under reference to BIFR which is a *quasi-judicial* body. It is a non-strategic PSU. The Report of the Expert Group was forwarded to BIFR in June, 2000. BIFR has so far not sanctioned any rehabilitation scheme for BOGL.

Implementation of ERC's Recommendations

831. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has expressed inability to implement the ERC's recommendation about cutting staff strength;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the aspect of inability expressed by her ministry to implement ERC's recommendations has been examined by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The pros and cons of ERC's recommendations and their implementation are under consideration of the Government.

Closing of DD News Channel

832. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to close down DD News Channel;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether DD News Channel is facing financial crunch or losing money on large scale; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) As a part of Doordarshan restructing. Prasar Bharti has, in principle, taken a decision to close down DD News and Current Affairs Channel due to its high cost and low visibility. The Board also decided that DD National Channel, which has the highest reach, will carry more programmes on news and current affairs to fulfil the mandate of public service broadcasting more effectively.

Charging of huge amount from cable operators by TV Broadcasting Companies

833. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of TV broadcasting companies have started charging huge amount from the cable operators in the country as becoming pay channels;

(b) if so, whether they have got any permission from Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) There are no provisions in the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act. 1995 to regulate either subscription